GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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PENDING IRRIGATION PROJECTS OF BIHAR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of medium/major irrigation projects of Bihar pending with the Union Government till date;

(b) the present status of Kadvan and Kanhar projects;

(c) whether both the projects are likely to have irrigation and hydel power generation capacity; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government for the completion of the projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) The reorganized Bihar State has submitted fourmajor irrigation projects namely Punpun Barrage Project, Tilayia Dhadhar Project, kadwan Reservoir Project and Upper Mahananda to the Central Government for their Techno-Economic-appraisal.Out of these, Punpun Barrage and Tilayia Dhadhar Projects have been accepted by the Advisiory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources subject to certain conditions which are yet to be complied by the State Government. The Kadwan Reservoir and Upper Mahananda Projects are under correspondence with the State Government. Similarly the Kanhar Projectin the State of Jharkhand is also under correspondence with the concerned State. The clearance of these projects is linked to the prompt and satisfactory compliance of the conditions/observations of the Advisory Committee and Central Appraising Agencies by the concerned State Governments. The Kadwan reservoir project in Bihar and Kanhar Project in Jharkhand, on completion, will provide irrigation and hydel power generation benefits as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Name of State	Latest estimated Cost (Rs. in crore)	Irrigation benefits in Th. Ha./power Gen. in MW
1.	Kadwan Reservoir Project	Bihar	1111.14	221.27/450
2.	Kanhar Project	Jharkhand	1015.76	57.67/300

Being a State subject, irrigation projects are planned, investigated, implemented and funded by the State Government out of their own resources as per their own priorities.